IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please amend the second full paragraph on Page 2 beginning on line 6 to read as follows:

A balance management system of the present invention to attain the above object comprises: information management means for managing information on a balance of a balance item and information on a correspondence for each process that a balance of which balance item reflects a balance amount of which process item; information acquiring means for acquiring information on a process item and a balance amount corresponding to the process item, from a first terminal corresponding to each process; information updating means for updating the information on the balance of the balance item corresponding to the process item, on the basis of the information on the correspondence managed by the information management means and the information on the process item and the balance amount acquired by the information acquiring means; information providing means for providing a second terminal with the information on the balance item and the balance for one or more processes managed by the information management means; and first means enabling setting of information on the correspondence according to a user's intention.

Please add the following paragraph on Page 3 between line 8 and line 9 to read as follows:

Furthermore, in view of circumstances that in general a difference in a process leads to a difference in a process item and the correspondence that the balance of which balance item reflects the balance amount of which process item varies with the process, a user can set information on the correspondence according to his/her intention. Therefore, the balance of the balance item can be managed flexibly according to various conditions in each process.

Please amend the second full paragraph on Page 10, beginning on line 8 to read as follows:

According to the information on the display pattern uploaded to the server 100, the information updating means 130 processes the information managed by the DB 110 (s7 in Fig. 2). Furthermore, the processed information is downloaded from the server 100 to the second terminal 20 (an arrow ④ in Fig. 2) and the monitor of the second terminal 20 displays the information on the balance [[Δqjk]] $\underline{qjk}$ of each balance item according to the display pattern (See Figs. 3(a) and 3(b)).